

cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Williams

~~SAC, Atlanta~~

December 13, 1956

~~Director, FBI~~

PERSONAL ATTENTION

~~CITIZENS COUNCILS~~  
~~INTERNAL SECURITY - X~~

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56,  
FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta  
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta  
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/15/57

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS, SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
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Rebunemo to Atlanta, 12/13/56.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, eight (8) copies of a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of Citizens Councils in the San Antonio Division are enclosed herewith.

2 - Bureau (Encl.-8) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas  
January 15, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS, SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

A meeting of The Citizens Council of Waco, Texas, was held at the Texas Power and Light Company offices at 3600 Franklin Avenue, Waco, Texas, on November 27, 1956. During the meeting a discussion was held concerning implementation of the doctrine of interposition to guard sovereign rights from Federal encroachment. In addition, a discussion was held concerning the affiliation of the local council with the Citizens Councils of America.

[redacted] Waco, Texas, who is [redacted]  
of the State and County Insurance Company, Waco; [redacted]  
[redacted] Waco, who is [redacted] of the local council, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Waco, were among the approximate fifteen people who  
attended this meeting.

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No information concerning the activities of the Waco Citizens Council has been obtained since this meeting on November 27, 1956. The main objective of the local council is to prevent integration in the Waco Public Schools in a lawful manner.

Mr. Kelly

SAC, San Antonio (100-9273)

January 30, 1957

Director, FBI

CITIZENS COUNCILS,  
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated January 15, 1957.

Advise identity of source of information  
set forth in monthly summary. In future identify each  
such source in cover letter transmitting monthly  
summary.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-35237 Sub 45)

DATE: February 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS,  
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet dated January 30, 1957.

The identity of the source of information set forth in the monthly summary submitted on January 15, 1957, by the San Antonio Office is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Waco, Texas.

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2 - Bureau (105-34237 Sub 45) (RM)  
1 - San Antonio (100-9273)  
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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 45) DATE: Feb. 15, 1957  
FROM *MS* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
IS-X

Rebulet to Atlanta 1/30/57.

No activity pertaining to the Citizens Council of Waco, Texas, or the Citizens Council of Smithville, Texas, has been reported to the San Antonio Office by sources of this office or obtained from public source material during the past 30 days. Therefore, a monthly summary of information concerning these councils not being submitted to the Bureau.

2 Bureau (AMSD - RM)  
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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 45)

DATE: March 15, 1957

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
IS-X

During the past thirty days, no information has been submitted by informants and other sources concerning the activities of The Waco Citizens Council of Waco, Texas. A review of the newspapers for the City of Waco has failed to reflect any publicity given this organization during this period of time.

No information has been obtained from any source concerning the Citizens Council of Smithville, Texas.

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Mr. Kelly

SAC, San Antonio (100-9273)

April 12, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237)

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CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956,  
Bulet to Atlanta dated April 2, 1957, and urairtel  
dated April 8, 1957.

You are instructed to continue submitting  
a monthly summary of information re activities of  
citizens councils in your division as directed in  
relet December 13, 1956.

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Date: 4/8/57

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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From SAC SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Rebulet to Atlanta dated 4/2/57.

In view of instructions contained in referenced letter, the submission of a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens' councils within this division is being discontinued, UACB.

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3 - Bureau (AM, RM)  
1 - SA 100-9273  
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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in-Charge

*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)  
FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: 4/18/57

No information has been received during the past thirty days concerning the activities of the Waco Citizens Council of Waco, Texas, although contact has been maintained with Bureau sources.

Therefore, no summary of information is being submitted for the month of April 1957 concerning this council.

Regarding Citizens Council of Smithville, Texas, no information from any source has been received during past months.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - SA  
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23 APR 1957

Liaison  
1 - Mr. Kelly *lm*

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105-34237-45 -9

Date: May 27, 1957  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

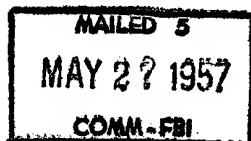
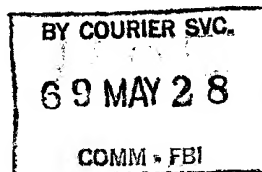
There is being furnished you herewith  
for your information a copy of a memorandum dated  
May 15, 1957, prepared by the San Antonio Office  
of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

*Enclosure*  
Enclosure

- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)
- 1 - Office of Special Investigations BY COURIER SERVICE  
Air Force (Enclosure)
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- 1 - AAG Tompkins (By O-6 same date) (Enclosure)
- 1 - AAG Olney (By O-6 same date) (Enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)  
FROM : *L. J.* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: May 15, 1957

Re Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956.

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No information has been obtained through sources of the San Antonio Office or public source material concerning the activities of The Citizens Council of Waco, Texas, and Citizens Council of Smithville, Texas. From all indications, these two groups are no longer active.

The Austin American and Austin Statesman, daily newspapers, published in Austin, Texas, on April 19, 23, and 24, 1957, contained news stories relative to a rally to be held in Austin, Texas, by the Greater Houston Citizens Council, Houston, Texas. A summary of these newspaper stories is attached as an enclosure for the Bureau and Houston.

ENCLOSURE

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- 3 - Bureau (105-34237) (AM - RM) (Enclosures - 8)  
2 - Houston (RM) (Enclosures - 2)  
1 - San Antonio (100-9273)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

May 15, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On April 19, 1957, the "Austin American", a daily Austin, Texas, newspaper, carried a news item datelined "Houston, Texas, April 18, 1957, (Associated Press)." The story stated J. MORT WREN, Greater Houston Citizens Council, announced plans for a rally at the Confederate Monument on the Grounds of the State Capitol, Austin, Texas, on April 23, 1957. The meeting was described as a "pro-segregation meeting" to support segregation bills passed by the Texas House of Representatives. WREN referred to the rally as his own idea and stated it had "caught on" with other Citizens Council organizations, including the citizens council at Beaumont, Texas, which he said was one of the largest. About one-half the Houston, Texas, members of the Citizens Council of America in Texas had agreed to attend. Members of the Greater Houston Citizens Council and Galena Park (Texas) Citizens Council also agreed to attend this affair.

The April 23, 1957, issue of the "Austin Statesman," a daily Austin, Texas, newspaper, reflected that the rally referred to above had been "rained out". The article quoted WREN as stating he was chairman of the Galena Park Citizens Council and a member of the Greater Houston Citizens Council. Rain fell during the morning of April 23, 1957, in Austin, Texas, but it was reported that Citizens Council members from Beaumont, Orange, and Houston, Texas, walked around the Capitol. WREN expected up to 1,000 members from throughout Texas before the day was over. E. J. HORW, a member of the Beaumont Citizens Council, was present. WREN reported that a meeting might be held later in the day at a downtown hotel. The story quoted "a leader" of the Citizens Council group as saying they would "kill local bills sponsored by two senators if they filibuster against segregation bills."

On April 24, 1957, the "Austin Statesman," Austin, Texas, reported that WREN was one of eight individuals who had appeared to participate in the pro-segregation group rally on April 23, 1957. The small group was forced inside the Capitol building because of rain. They mapped plans to support a "package of House approved segregation legislation then in Senate Committee."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)  
FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
IS-X

DATE: Oct. 24, 1957

ReBulet 10/9/57 to Atlanta, a copy of which was furnished to San Antonio.

It is noted the instructions related to a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils in those areas where trouble might arise due to integration problems.

The files of this office have been reviewed and Agents handling similar matters throughout the territory have been consulted. No Citizens Councils are known to be in existence at the present time in the San Antonio Division; the last two that were active were at Waco and Smithville, Texas. There has been no activity on the part of either for the last nine months to one year. No integration problems have arisen thus far in either Waco or Smithville. At the moment there is no particular city or community in this division where integration problems are contemplated.

Since no Citizens Councils are operating or known to be in existence at present there is no apparent way under present circumstances to direct our efforts to establish coverage as outlined in relet. Therefore, San Antonio is unable at the present time to furnish plans for a program of this type to the Bureau. We shall watch future developments closely and in the event Citizens Councils are established in areas where trouble could be expected, the Bureau will be notified and furnished with our plans to establish coverage in such areas.

It is noted the Bureau desires a letter every thirty days concerning this program. Until such time as coverage becomes necessary, the thirty-day progress letter will not be submitted; however, an appropriate tickler has been established to follow this situation on a continuing basis. The Bureau will be notified promptly of any new developments.

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Date: 1/28/58

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9273)  
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Re Louisville Airtel 1/24/58.

No Citizens Councils known to be in existence at present time in SA Division. Last two that were active were at Waco and Smithville, Texas. No activity on part of either for well over a year.

No information reported to SA concerning proposed segregationist meeting in Louisville, Ky.

3 - Bureau (AM, RM)  
2 - Louisville (105-177) (AM, RM)  
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Approved: [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DATE 08-01-2011 BY 60324 UCBAW/SAB/SBS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 11/28/62

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-191) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, dated 11/20/62.

No Citizens Councils known to be in existence  
at present time in San Antonio Division.

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